

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 22 to 25, and add Claims 26 and 27 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 21. (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended) A peripheral apparatus which is connectable to a computer, the peripheral apparatus comprising:

a control unit which controls the peripheral apparatus; and

a power control unit which ~~supplies controls supply of~~ power from a ~~power source~~ battery connected to the peripheral apparatus to the control unit,

wherein the control unit checks whether or not a predetermined request is received from the computer ~~after the computer causes the power control unit to supply power from the power source to the control unit~~, and

wherein the power control unit ~~continues decides~~ to supply power from the ~~power source~~ battery to the control unit if ~~the control unit determines it is determined~~ that the predetermined request is received from the computer.

23. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein the power control unit avoids supplying power from the ~~power source~~ battery to the control unit if ~~the control unit determines it is determined~~ that ~~the predetermined request is not a request for shutting off power~~ is received from the computer.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a peripheral apparatus which is connectable to a computer, the peripheral apparatus including a control unit which controls the peripheral apparatus and a power control unit which ~~supplies~~ controls ~~supply~~ ~~of power from a power source battery connected to the peripheral apparatus~~ to the control unit, the method comprising the steps of:

checking whether or not a predetermined request is received from the computer ~~after the computer causes the power control unit to supply power from the power source to the control unit~~; and

continuing deciding to supply power from the ~~power source~~ battery to the control unit if it is determined that the predetermined request is received from the computer.

25. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 24, further comprising the step of avoiding supplying power from the ~~power source~~ battery to the control unit if it is determined that ~~the predetermined request is not a request for shutting off power~~ is received from the computer.

26. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein the peripheral apparatus is capable of operating as an electronic camera when the peripheral apparatus is not connected to the personal computer.

27. (New) A method according to Claim 24, wherein the peripheral apparatus is capable of operating as an electronic camera when the peripheral apparatus is not connected to the personal computer.